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THE HONOR ROLL

Those Who Were Studious for the Past School Month

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following pupils of the Middletown school are on the honor roll for the month of February:

HIGH SCHOOL

11th Grade—Claude Fouracre, Wilson Ginn, Purnal McWhorter, Jr., Daniel Bingnear, Ernest Tee.

10th Grade—Edith Cochran, Fannie Rosenberg, Elizabeth Shallcross, Rogers Fouracre, John Carey, Clara Brady, June Johnson.

9th Grade—Anna Bingnear.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

8th Grade—Burton Pearson, Margie Records, Grace Rosenberg, Caroline Fouracre, Percy Donaghay, John Pool, Gladys Gabriel, Walter Beasten, Harman Coney, Margaret Harris.

7th Grade—Elizabeth Clayton, Dorothy Caulk, Harris McDowell, Elizabeth Brady, Esther Shallcross, Edwin Donaghay, Margaret Brady, Stacy Jones, Grace VanDyke, Gladys Manlove, Helen Kates.

6th Grade—Esther Gabriel, William Pennewill, Virginia Hopkins, Ida Dugan, Rachel Thornton, Mary Steele, Katherine Conley, Linden Stafford, Virginia Johnson. Harry Sinex, Edna Spicer, Leland Sinex.

5th Grade—Bertha Chance, Helen Moore, Bayard Wilson, Horace Moore, Oakley Banning, Elizabeth Hufnal, Henry Howell, Catherine Hopkins, Helen Fouracre, Frances Harris, Kathryn Davis, Evelyn Brown, Irma Montgomery, Charlotte Donaghay, John Voshell, Herman Conner.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th Grade—Virginia Brady, Lewis Stewart, Robert Gabriel, Bernard Rosenberg, James Thornton, Joseph Beasten, Robert Foraker, Catherine Carpenter, Charles Hopkins.

3d Grade Jeoffrey Newsome, Cassie Denny, Oscar Brynes, Helen Bryan, Blanche Messick, Arthur Williams, Margaret Fitzgerald, Helen Cleaver, Mabel Fouracre, Laura Lent.

2d Grade -Raymond Dubadaway, Helen Hobbs, Bessie Ellis, Marjorie Lent, John C. Green, Jr., John C. Swain, Richard Records, Almeta Spicer, Howard Gabriel, Dorothy Steele, Margaret Denny, Elizabeth Sinex, Henry Vaughan, Kenneth Pennewill, Evelyn Elliot, Margaret Baker, Leroy Heil, Charles Pope, Roland Heldmyer.

1st Grade—Lena Leager, Marion Heldmyer, Virginia Truitt, Fannie Bradley, Lillian Morehead, Grace Harris, Elizabeth Swain, William Fitzgerald, John Howell, Ethel Steele.

FOREST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, March 2d, 1919.

10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon.

11.45 A. M. Sunday School session. Last monthly collection for missions this church year.

6 45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic: "Our Relation to God. 111. "Obeying." John 15:12-17. Consecration meeting.

7.30 P. M. Evening service with sermon.

On Wednesday evening, March 5th, the Rev. J S. Crawford, Pastor of the Central Church, Wilmington, will be present and explain the object of the great New Era Victory movement which has been inagurated in the Presbyterian Church. A large representative congregation is earnestly requested.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning March 16th, and will be preceded by a week of special services. Prominent ministers are being engaged to preach at these services, and we earnestly urge every member of the church to arrange to be present at as many of these services as possible.

The Pastor's Class for instruction of new communicants will meet on Friday afternoons at 4.15 o'clock in the Library room of the church. This change was suggested as being a more convenient day than the one announced.

The collection in March will be for the Boards of Colleges, Church Erection and Freedmen.

New Bridgetenders Appointed

Levy Court Tuesday appointed bridgetenders for the ensuing year as follows:

Market Street— William Virden, George E. Green, William J. Keaney, John Mitchell, oiler.

River Front—George McKnitt, William Paris, William H. Cook, Emil Ulrich, oiler.

Seventh Street—Morris Wingate.

Eleventh Street—Robert Cardwell.

Washington—Michael Polece.

Brandywine—George Harkins.

Newport—William Stewart.

Churchman's—Samuel Walls.

Christiana—Alfred Cleaver.

Flemmings—Anna Gibbons.

Odessa—Levin James.

Fennimore—John Hall.

Card Party and Dance

A "500" card party and dance will be given by the New Century Club, in the Club House, on Saturday evening, March 1st, at 8 o'clock. Everybody come and have another jolly evening before our Lenten season commences. Tickets, 50 cents. Refreshments will served.

A LETTER FROM EUROPE

The following letter was handed us by Mr. Cohee, father of Private Clarence J. Cohee, of Warwick, Md., who is stationed "Somewhere in Europe:"

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE,
January 17, 1919.

Dear Father:

I received your letter, also, the paper clippings and will answer it with the greatest of pleasure. It found me well and happy, hoping this will find you the same.

Father, we have moved back to the front again, I don't know the name of the town yet or whether it is Germany or France, anyway the place was never taken. It has been evacuated and we were the first to move in their. There are lots of souvenirs of all kinds in this town that the Germans have left. Our work is to solvage all loaded shells and ship them some place, and I am told we are to be here about two weeks, but do not know where we go from here.

Father I will try to explain to you the truth about the 59th Pioneer Infantry. Only the 3d Battalion was at the front, and the 1st and 2d Battalions did not see any fighting. The battalions run like this: 1st Battalion, Co's. A. B. C. D ; 2d Battalion, Co's. E. F. G. H.; 3d Battalion, Co's. I. K. L. M Co's. I. K. L. and M. were at the front. Our company was with the 6th Ing., Co. F. and in the first army we were even broke up in 20 to 30 men. The second time I was at the front we were up their with about 30 men with Lieut. Lafferty in charge of us and were their for over a month, under shell fire night and day all the time. Men were killed right and left; some of our boys had close calls such as being hit on the helmet by shrapnel and other ways. Mud was almost knee deep and many a time we had to fall head long in it to keep the flying shrapnel from hitting us but we were all lucky, we did not lose a man, although hundreds were killed within talking distance. We had a lucky spot. Two boys from the 52d Pioneers were camping with us and a shell light among our tents and the shrapnel from the bursted shell hit their tent and carried it off of them as nice as if done by hand, and never scratched either one. Not only were we lucky, but also the boys who camped with us.

The people of Delaware are in doubt about the 59th Pioneers whether they saw the front or not, but if they had been where Companies I. K. L. and M. were, they would not only thought they were at the front, but at the gate of hell.

Well father, I guess I will close for this time. I would like to tell you what we did for our country while at the front, but can tell you and explain it better when I get home, so with love to all, I remain

Your loving son,
CLARENCE.

MILK PRODUCERS MEET

The Middletown Milk Producers will hold a meeting in the Town Office Thursday night, March 6th and the Odessa Milk Producers will meet in the Red Men's Hall, Wednesday March 5th. Farmers of Townsend and Mt. Pleasant communities are also perfecting local organizations of the Interstate Milk Producers Association. The farmers are realizing the value of organizations by which they expect to put themselves in a position to cope with difficulties as they arise and thus assure themselves throughout the year of a price, whereby they can produce milk at a reasonable profit.

The Mt. Pleasant organization consists of more than 75 farmers

At the second meeting of the Townsend Association, held in the High School Building Wednesday night, February 26, every farmer present became a member of the association.

Plans were laid to sign in the association every milk shipper in the community. At this meeting Mr. J. F. Davis explained the use of the farm record books which the farm bureau has available and gave out fifteen of them. Mr. J. S. Moore, Dairy Project Leader of the farm bureau presented "the Pure Bred Bull on Every Farm" project which is given in detail of this issue of the Transcript. After a spirited discussion the association went on record as heartily favoring the project.

Favor Board of Assessment

Some taxpayers of Blackbird section are opposed to the proposed repeal of the county board of assessment. They say their land and stock are assessed fair and just. As no one in Blackbird hundred made appeal on "appeal day" as to the amount their property was assessed, it is thought to suit the people even better than the old way of assessing. Others say that as a great deal of the land in Blackbird is marsh and swamp land, it was before assessed for as much as some of the high lands of good farming districts. Now assessed back to actual value and is increased to value as farm land. Taking into consideration the location of the property, they feel that the assessment board should not be abolished.

NOTICE

Dog License Tags for 1919 are on sale at Town Office.

All Dogs must be registered on or before March 1, 1919.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Advertise in The Transcript.

The Townsend Trust Company is open for business today (Saturday) March 1st.

Thanks are due a number of subscribers for making settlement up to 1919. More responses are promised.

Fishermen along the Delaware river are getting ready for fishing. They believe an early season is close at hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutchison, of near Townsend, were tendered a variety shower by their many friends last Tuesday evening.

John Heldmyer, Jr., Real Estate Broker, North Broad street, has bought since Thursday week, the 98 acres farm of Matthew Fair, near Red Lion.

Let every teacher in our schools impress upon the children the importance of buying Thrift Stamps. Every 25 cents invested helps clear up the war debt.

As the result of breaks in the river bank in the vicinity of Port Penn, the first of which took place last April, more than 2,000 acres of land are flooded and cannot be farmed.

Jay C. Davis, Real Estate Broker, has sold to Richard L. Gray, of near town, the property known as the "Hushebeck property," on Catharine street, Consideration, private.

The Middletown Farms Company has sold its creamery at Perryman's, Md., to Parker Mitchell, who will establish an ice plant in connection with the creamery business in the building.

An entertainment consisting of four plays will be given by the pupils of the Townsend High School in the school auditorium next Friday evening, March 7th, at 8 o'clock. Admission, adults 25 cts., children 15 cts.

The ladies having charge of the entertainment for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers Association, given in the Academy Assembly room on Friday evening last, are very much gratified at their success, the amount realized being $108 10 clear of all expenses.

The Pleasant Summit W. C. T. U. will hold the next meeting at Mrs. Kate Kane's on Thursday afternoon, March 6. The White Ribbon department, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Supt., will receive special attention and it is hoped each member will be ready with appropriate responses.

Roy Ferguson, of Steubensville, Ohio, has been appointed by the Board of Education as an assistant at the Chesapeake City High School, his subjects being French and English. He succeeds Miss Grace W. Price, of Elkton, who resigned on account of pressure of other duties.

William T. Sapp a retired farmer who resided in Smyrna, moved on the George F. Wilson farm, near Middletown, Monday, to take the farm of his son, William S. Sapp, who died recently of influenza, leaving a widow and seven small children. His son-in-law James W. Scarborough, who has been farming around Smyrna moved to Middletown on the George V. Peverley farm

NEW FIRE TRUCK

The campaign of the Volunteer Hose Company to raise $6,000 for the purchase of a motor driven fire aparatus is progressing and about $4,700 of the required amount has been pledged, and the balance expected in a few days. The town and surrounding country has been laid out in districts, and several of the collectors have not yet made their reports. The project is meeting with the heartiest approval of the farmers.

The contract for the apparatus was placed on Saturday, and it will consist of a three-tank chemical machine, mounted upon a two-ton White truck basis of 45-horse power, and will be equipped with 100 feet of ladders of various lengths, ropes, chains, poles, axes and paraphernalia required to fight fires. When it is received, in about sixty days, the hose company will give a demonstration in the surrounding towns and have a "housing" ceremony here, to which all of the volunteer fire companies in the state will be invited. The house of the company is now undergoing repairs in anticipation of the arrival of the new machine.

The financial committee, of which E. S. Jones is chairman, reports every person approached has responded by a contribution. The largest contribution was received from the Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company of Odessa, and was for $200. Several contributions of $100 have been received from the land owners about town.

Sartin--Heverin Wedding

Miss Grace Heverin, daughter of Mrs. E. H. Heverin, of near Clayton, and Mr. Lertie Sartin, a well-known young farmer of McDonough, were quietly married Saturday morning, February 15th, at Elkton, by the Rev. George P Jones.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

EPISCOPAL

Sunday, March 2d, 1919. Quinquagesima Sunday.

Services: 10:30, Sermon and Holy Communion.

11.45, Sunday School session.

7.30, Evening prayer and address.

THE CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF MARCH

March 2d. Quinquagesima Sunday.
March 5th. ASH WEDNESDAY.
March 9th. 1st Sunday in LENT.
March 12th, 14th and 15th. Ember days.
March 16th. 2d Sunday in Lent.
March 23d. 3d Sunday in Lent.
March 25th. Annunciation B. V. M.
March 30th. 4th Sunday in Lent.

This Sunday, Quinquagesima, is the last of the Pre-lenten Sundays. And the church gives us these pre-lenten days to make our preparation for keeping Lent, the idea being that we shall get ready to do something positive and definite in Lent and not waste the days in doing as so many do, wait until Lent comes and then fritter it away in trying first one plan then another and in the end really accomplishing nothing. We ought to use this time in asking, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Religion fails for the most part just for lack of common sense. So many people never try to plan it out and leave it to impulse and sentiment and feeling. Our Lord taught us that we should love God with all our heart and mind and soul. Religion needs brains if it is ever to amount to anything. Try to imagine how much we should have ever done in the war if there had not been sober thought given to it, campaigns planned and the ablest men, who could be found, put to work to prepare food and stores and munitions and whatever was needed. So then let us take time now to make some plan for LENT. Determine what you are going to do. Examine your life and decide definitely what your besetting sin is and resolutely set about its conquest. It is better to make a simple plan with one or two specific things in mind than to try a great many and do none of them thoroughly. Make up your mind that you will steer a straight course toward some definite end.

March 5th being Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, services will be as follows: Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30. Evening Prayer and Address at 7 30.

Also, during the Lenten season, services will be held on Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Ash Wednesday. Joel. 11:15. "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly."

The solemn fast of Lent takes its name from the season in which it falls. The meaning of the Saxon word is spring, at which time the church, by fasting and prayer, makes her preparation for the festival of Easter. It extends over a period of forty days, not counting the Sundays which lie between; for Sunday, being the day on which our Saviour arose, is a feast-day throughout the year. It is as much a duty for all to live a holy life at one time as at another, yet everyone knows how apt we are to indulge ourselves, how reluctant to cross our wishes or appetites, how easily we put out of our minds and indefinitely postpone the duties which are unwelcome to our natural instincts and self-love. Therefore it is a very wise and happy provision of the church thus to set aside stated seasons for recollection and repentance, and for special lessons in self-denial, when solemn ceremonies and the example of others may, as it were compel us to stop and ponder whether we are going on as we should in our Christian life, cherishing our baptismal grace, remembering our confirmation vows, and keeping ourselves "unspotted from the world." The church does not lay down any precise rule for the manner of our fasting during this season, leaving it to be governed by our conscience and circumstances. There are many who cannot fast, in the strict sense of the word, abstaining from all food, and of whom it is not required; but few who may not deny themselves some indulgence of appetite, and amusement, for His sake who spent these long and lonely days in the wilderness, hungering and burdened with the weight of our sins. May HE help us all to follow the example of His patience and humility, that "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory."

Buy Fertilizers Now

The State Board of Agriculture at Dover advises farmers to buy their fertilizers without further delay. It is not likely that fertilizers will be any cheaper than they are now until too late in the season for spring crops. They will be cheaper this fall. In view of the high price of all classes of fertilizers, farmers should buy fish scrap, tankage and nitrate of soda as the sources of ammonia, and 16 per cent. acid phosphate as the cheapest source of phospheric acid. These materials are easily mixed in any proportion desired. Potash is too high for general crops, but can be purchased for such special crops as potatoes, or for any crop on land that requires it. Information about formulas for mixing fertilizers will be given free of charge by the Board upon application to the office at Dover.

M. Lessin has received the services of a first-class tailor who will assist him during the spring rush.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mr. Edward T. Alexander, of Elkton, Md., was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Dr. G. B. Pearson, of Elkton, Md., is spending sometime with his family here.

Miss Bertha Jones, of Wilmington, was a week-end visitor at her home here.

Mrs. Herbert T. Pyle and Miss Clara Gallagher spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mulvine, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kates.

Mr. William M. Thourwarth, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Miss Florence Pennewill.

Miss Madeline Pennington entertained over the week-end Miss Beulah Tatem, of Collingswood, N. J.

Mr. John D. Gill and family has removed to Philadelphia where they will make their future home.

Miss Isabella Smith, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Arthur Fouracre.

Mr. J. Ringgold Richards, of Claymont, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Armbrester, of Chesapeake City were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Pennewill.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson K. Betts and son spent the week-end with friends in Collingswood, N. J., and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Irving Handy, of Smyrna, were guests at dinner Tuesday evening of Mrs. George W. Lockwood.

Miss Bessie Morton who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George W. Lockwood, left Thursday for Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leonhart and little son, of Philadelphia, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jol's.

Mr. Clifford Pyle has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army and returned to his home here Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Dempsey, of Wilmington, was a guest over Sunday of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer.

Mrs. John B. Price left town on Friday for Philadelphia where she will make her home for the present with her daughter Mrs. Harry P. Kelly.

Miss Odel R Gallagher who was operated on at the Northwestern General Hospital, Philadelphia, recently has returned to her home very much improved in health.

Misses Marie and Blanche Lockwood have just returned from New York City where they attended the Child Welfare meeting, at which meeting the Child Welfare was made a national organization.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, March 2d, 1919.

9.30 A. M. The Brotherhood Meeting will be in charge of Brother Manlove D. Wilson. A very cordial invitation is extended to all men to be present.

10.30 A. M. Morning Worship with the administration of the Lord's Supper. The Communion Service is a very helpful one at the beginning of our revival services. Let every Christian make an effort to be present. There will be given an opportunity to join the church on Probation and by certificate.

2.00 P. M. Sunday School. Start the month of March by being present in Sunday School.

7.30 P. M. Evening Worship with sermon by the Pastor.

The revival services will begin this Sunday. Lay your plans to be present and enjoy them. The Master, also, has some work for you to do. Don't fail Him; He has not discharged you yet. Prof. William N. Thomas, of Pen Argyl, Pa., will be present for two weeks beginning with Monday evening. This Brother will stir your heart to love and praise by his Gospel singing. Come and bring someone with you. God is depending on YOU to try to lead some soul to Jesus.

Better Service Campaign

L. C. Scott, Middletown agent for the American Railroad Express Company is in line with all other agencies throughout the country for a better service campaign. The Company is asking shippers of express, to be more careful in packing; wrapping and tagging express shipments. The motto is "start shipment right and they will endeavor to keep them right." Mr. Scott would be glad to have all local shippers co-operate with him to this end.

New Century Club

The members of the New Century Club and their friends who did not come out Tuesday evening, missed a rare treat. "America" was sung with good community spirit and Mrs. E. Leland Pleasanton rendered two delightful vocal solos. The Hon. I. Irving Handy, in his own inimitable style, gave the address of the evening.

RED CROSS

The days of "knit one, purl two" are over, the five yard rolls and paper backed pads a thing of the past, the last refugee garments has been packed and we will pull down the blind (figuratively) and close the door of our work room. But ere I turn the key in the lock, I want to pause and thank my coworkers from a very full heart for their help and loyal support.

When you made me chairman of surgical dressings I fully realized there were many among you who were far more capable and I accepted with trepidation. I could not say NO for every one was expected to do her "bit" and it was a woman's sized job we had ahead of us. But there was one thing we didn't pack—the word "quit". Deep down in our hearts was the resolve, that as long as the Red Cross needed our work, be it surgical dressings or children's garments, our doors would be open and never have we failed to fill our quota. We did not desert but waited to be discharged.

Now we may clean that closet where things have long been tucked out of sight waiting this happy "honorably discharged" time, or play that game of cards or read that book that has lain with uncut leaves. And the tasks will be lightened and the pleasures keener for that which we gave of our time and ourselves.

I would like to thank each man, woman and child in Middletown personally who has helped in this great cause but I know you feel as I do—it has been your privilege to help, rather than to be one of the unfortunates who, though no fault of their own, must accept that help.

Even so there will always be the feeling of thanks for the man who remembered us with ice those hot days last summer, for the man who helped us get closet room, for the man who kept our sewing machines in working order, for the man who sharpened our scissors, for the young men and girls who worked for us at night and the Town Board who gave us electricity, for those who took things to and fro from Wilmington and those who tied and nailed boxes, for those who gave us rooms to work in, for the school girls who gave up their afternoons to help, for the small boy and girl who snipped for the comfort pillows and for those women who gave so generously of their time when home duties pressed.

We are informed that our work has helped make possible a record of which we may all be proud. Out of the 102 Chapters 4 have done 70 per cent. of the entire work of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division and the Delaware Chapter is one of them.

HELEN V. SHALLCROSS,
Chairman Surgical Dressings
Chairman Refugee Garments.

Hotel Improvements

G. H. Smith, of this town, who recently sold his hotel at Burkeville, Va., and purchased the Middletown Hotel from George H. Johnson, has reopened the hotel, and has begun alterations which will completely transform the old building in many ways. The dining room will be removed to the room formerly used as an office and reading room, the kitchen will be removed into the room formerly used for the colored barroom, and the original barroom will be used for a lunch room.

Carpenters are now engaged in tearing out the dining room and the bedrooms and bath on the second floor, and a modern picture theatre will be installed in the space formerly taken up by them. The new theatre will be 38x87 feet, will contain a balcony, and have a seating capacity of 600. It is expected to open in four weeks.

OBITUARY

EUGENE C. JUMP

Eugene C. Jump, a former resident of this section, died at his home in Haddonfield, N. J., last Saturday, February 22d, after an illness of several months. Deceased was the son of the late Theodore and Mary E. Jump, and leaves to mourn his death, a wife, two sons, one daughter and two sisters. The sisters are Mrs. William Brockson, of this town, and Mrs. Charles S. Kern, of Philadelphia.

The funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

ATWELL GINN

Atwell Ginn, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Ginn, of near Townsend, died at the home of his parents last Sunday morning after an illness of only a few days, aged 11 years. Diabetes was the cause of his death.

The funeral services were held at his parents home Wednesday afternoon at, one o'clock and interment was made in Townsend cemetery.

Fur Thieves at Blackbird

Thieves broke into an outbuilding of John J. Green Monday night and were in the act of carrying away a large bunch of muskrat furs when Mr. Green heard them and frightened them away. He was after them for a quarter of a mile, but was not able to distinguish who they were. Mr. Green had several hundred dollars worth of furs stored in the building.

NEW SCHOOL CODE

County Supt. W. H. Jump Replies to "Taxpayer"

IS GAINING CONVERTS DAILY

[Communicated]

Dear Editor:

In discussing the New School Code now before the General Assembly, considerable space was used in the colums of your valuable peper in its last issue by a correspondent who signed himself "Tax-Payer."

Reply is made to the article, not because it is believed the points urged have any great merit or should carry much weight, but because the writer feels confident of one fact, namely, Mr. "Tax-Payer" had not carefully read the proposed New Code before writing the article. The reading public must not be guided by such misinformation.

Mr. "Tax-Payer" you have most vigorously attacked the State Commissioner of Education. You have gone so far as to say he would be "the Czar, with no check on his powers." Let me quote from the proposed New Code, Article two, Section thirty-four, "The State Commissioner of Education shall execute the educational policies of the State Board of Education." He must be one who executes the law rather than the maker of the law. Again in Article two, Section fifty-nine, "The State Commissioner of Education shall perform such other duties as are assigned him from time to time by the State Board of Education and by the General Assembly." In nineteen of the twenty eight sections dealing with the duties of the State Commissioner of Education will be found, "The State Commissioner of Education shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and submitted for approval and adoption by the State Board of Education," or in other sections, "The State Commissioner of Education acting under the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education," and etc.

Czars do not work under the regulations and limitations as quoted above. The State Board of Education and the State Commissioner of Education are to work in conjunction one with the other. This will be plainly seen if Articles one and two are compared.

The fourteen Articles in the New Code fit like shingles on a roof, each backing up and checking up the other. The New Code must be viewed as a whole to thoroughly appreciate its constructive value.

Space will not permit detail in answering the points urged by Mr. "Tax-Payer." Let me state, however, that while every good Delawarean should discuss this momentous question, no new light has been shed by your article. The "acid test" was applied by specialists.

Let us go now to cost. Mr. "Tax-Payer" would have you believe that Middletown would pay from $600 to $1000 on the over-head expense in the county. It has been rightly stated that the over-head expense, or the cost of maintaining the County Board Office, would be $12,000. Almost two thirds of this cost would be borne by the state through state appropriation, so stated in the New Code. Middletown would receive funds from the state as she is now receiving, plus $1600 state appropriation, plus more than twice the amount she is now receiving from pay pupils.

Some of the largest and best thinking men in the state are backing the New Code. It is gaining converts daily as men become more familiar with the facts and detail. The following summary is from an editorial in the Delmarvia Star, Sunday, Feb. 23d, and has put in a very concise form the main points of the New Code.

1. The New Code guarantees to every child a free education from the kindergarten to the high school and college without a cent's expense to the parent for tuition.

2. It places all school moneys in the hand of the State Treasurer and the County Treasurer of the respective counties with ample protection not only of the state school funds but also of county school funds raised by taxation.

3. It establishes a state high school system for the first time in the history of Delaware.

4. It provides for supervision, which has been so much needed.

5. It makes the boards of education, county and special, elective in order that the people may have a voice in their schools.

6. It guarantees that professional men and women trained in school administration and supervision will conduct the schools.

7. It guarantees to principals and teachers a living wage and protects them in their work.

8. It will save between $8000 and $10-000 annually by changing the manner of collecting school taxes.

9. It will save thousands of dollars by establishing efficient control of school affairs. There has been a waste of two or three thousand dollars annually in the way free text books have been distributed.

10. It will save much time in the case of the state auditor who will have fewer than twenty school accounts instead of the present number of 424. The same saving in time will be inaugurated in the state treasurer's office.

11. The New School Code will place Delaware among the first of the states, educationally.

W. H. JUMP,
County Superintendent.